

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 44 in above-identified patent application as follows and as shown on the Claims Listing of 3/17/04 appended hereto.

44. (currently amended) A method for multiepitope detection of an analyte in a sample, the analyte comprising at least two epitopes, comprising the steps of:
- (a) providing a solid phase comprising a non-porous support, a first and a second spatially separate test area, and a first and a second receptor, the first and second receptors binding specifically with said analyte but to different epitopes of the analyte, the first ~~receptor bound~~ receptor bound directly or indirectly to the first test area and the second receptor bound directly or indirectly to the second test area, there being no more than one analyte-specific receptor bound per test area,
 - (b) contacting the sample with the solid phase and with a detection reagent comprising a third receptor that binds with the analyte and that is bound to a signal generating group, and
 - (c) determining presence or amount of the signal generating group bound to the test areas via the analyte as a measure of the analyte in said sample.